

25th September 2024

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Re: Taronga Zoo Sky Safari (SSD-46807985)

I am writing to express my support for the proposed design upgrade for the Sky Safari cable car submitted by Taronga Conservation Society Australia. After carefully reviewing the proposal, I am confident that this project will deliver substantial benefits to both local and international visitors, while also enhancing Taronga Zoo's global reputation and reinforcing its commitment to securing a "Shared Future for Wildlife and People."

Known globally as the "Zoo with a View", Taronga is ideally situated on Sydney Harbour. The Sky Safari has been an integral part of the Taronga experience for local and international visitors alike. The intention to integrate the upgraded Sky Safari with the recently renewed Taronga Zoo Ferry Wharf will be an experience unlike any other that Sydney has to offer. This will boost the NSW economy, stimulate travel and continue to cement Sydney and Australia as an international travel destination.

We appreciate that the proposed upgrade to the Sky Safari has been designed with accessibility at its core and will provide even more guests the opportunity to see and engage with an array of wildlife and further inspire action to support Taronga's key conservation work. We also recognise that significant efforts have been made to incorporate the "Saltwater to Sky" narrative throughout the cable car journey, offering guests the opportunity to connect with Country throughout the Sky Safari.

Taronga continues to be a champion for conservation through its partnerships with global organisations, and within its own site. As more guests will likely take advantage of the journey across the Sydney Harbour via ferry before connecting to the Sky Safari, this has the strong potential to reduce reliance on the use of private cars on local Mosman roads and the production of carbon emissions, complementing Taronga's Net Zero by 2030 commitment. The upgraded Sky Safari cable car design represents a valuable opportunity to advance Taronga's ability to further its conservation work globally.



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